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	Examiner JOHN J LEE		Art Unit 2684	

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Status

1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 August 2001.

2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.

3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.

7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

 a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:

 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

 * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to because the boxes in Fig. 3 and 4 should be provided with appropriate legends. Any structural detail that is essential for a proper understanding of the disclosed invention should be shown in the boxes.

Corrected drawing sheets are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

2. The following guidelines illustrate the preferred layout for the specification of a utility application. These guidelines are suggested for the applicant's use.

Arrangement of the Specification

As provided in 37 CFR 1.77(b), the specification of a utility application should include the following sections in order. Each of the lettered items should appear in upper case, without underlining or bold type, as a section heading. If no text follows the section heading, the phrase "Not Applicable" should follow the section heading:

- (a) TITLE OF THE INVENTION.
- (b) CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS.
- (c) STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT.
- (d) INCORPORATION-BY-REFERENCE OF MATERIAL SUBMITTED ON A COMPACT DISC (See 37 CFR 1.52(e)(5) and MPEP 608.05. Computer program listings (37 CFR 1.96(c)), "Sequence Listings" (37 CFR 1.821(c)), and tables having more than 50 pages of text are permitted to be submitted on compact discs.) or
REFERENCE TO A "MICROFICHE APPENDIX" (See MPEP § 608.05(a). "Microfiche Appendices" were accepted by the Office until March 1, 2001.)
- (e) BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION.
 - (1) Field of the Invention.
 - (2) Description of Related Art including information disclosed under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
- (f) BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION.
- (g) BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING(S).
- (h) DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION.
- (i) CLAIM OR CLAIMS (commencing on a separate sheet).
- (j) ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE (commencing on a separate sheet).
- (k) SEQUENCE LISTING (See MPEP § 2424 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. A "Sequence Listing" is required on paper if the application discloses a nucleotide or amino acid sequence as defined in 37 CFR 1.821(a) and if the required "Sequence Listing" is not submitted as an electronic document on compact disc).

Correction is required.

Claim Objections

3. Claims 1, 3, 8, 11, 15, and 16 are objected to because of the following informalities: the limitation "it" is not clear as to what is claimed and the spelling of the word "energised" (lines 9 in claim 15) should be changed to "energized". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. **Claims 1 – 14 and 16** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Okanous et al. (US Patent number 5,862,345).

Regarding **claims 1, 8, and 16**, Okanous discloses that a method of transferring data between a primary station (home agent (subnetwork) in Fig. 1) and a plurality of secondary stations (mobile hosts (subnetwork) in Fig. 1), each secondary station having a distinguishing identifier (logical identifier) (Fig. 1, abstract, and column 2, lines 5 – 63). Okanous teaches that assigning the secondary stations (mobile hosts in Fig. 1) to a plurality of categories (logical identifiers) (abstract, Fig. 1, and column 2, lines 5 – 63, where teaches each mobile host is assigned logical identifier from home agent). Okanous teaches that storing in the primary station (home agent in Fig. 1) the identifiers of the secondary stations, which are in each category (column 4, lines 33 – 65 and Fig. 4, where teaches database of home agent stores geographical ID and logical ID of each mobile host). Okanous teaches that the primary station (home agent in Fig. 1) transmitting beacon signals containing indications of those categories for which it has data to be transferred (column 3, lines 53 – column 4, lines 59 and Fig. 4, where teaches a beacon multicasting facility operates a periodic intervals to send beacon packers to all mobile

hosts in the subnetwork indicating the identification of subnetwork). Okanous teaches that a secondary station responsive to determining that there is an indication of its assigned category in a received beacon signal transmitting a response including the secondary station's identifier (column 3, lines 53 – column 4, lines 59 and Fig. 4, where teaches mobile host sends a control packet indicating its location to the home agent for location registration in the home agent database and every packet from mobile hosts contain the logical identifier of the home agent and then home agent searches and compares the ID). Okanous teaches that the primary station (home agent) in response to determining that it has data for transfer to the secondary station having the indicated identifier, transferring the data to the said secondary station (column 5, lines 1 – 65 and Fig. 4, 5, where teaches home agent compares the control packet including identification from mobile host and determines whether mobile host registered and if registered, establishes datalink with the mobile host).

Regarding **claim 2**, Okanous discloses that the beacon signals are transmitted intermittently (column 3, lines 53 – column 4, lines 59 and Fig. 4).

Regarding **claims 3 and 11**, Okanous discloses that the primary station acknowledges negatively if it does not have a data signal for a secondary station in an indicated category (column 5, lines 1 – 65 and Fig. 4, 5, where teaches home agent compares the control packet including identification from mobile host and determines whether mobile host registered and if not, can't provide datalink with the mobile host).

Regarding **claims 4 and 12**, Okanous discloses that a secondary station intermittently monitoring for the presence of beacon signals (column 3, lines 53 – column 4, lines 59 and Fig. 4).

Regarding **claims 5 and 13**, Okanous discloses that a secondary signalling a request for a change of category to the primary station (column 6, lines 25 – column 7, lines 8 and Fig. 4).

Regarding **claims 6 and 14**, Okanous discloses that a change of category request signal includes an indication of the category to be changed to (column 6, lines 25 – column 7, lines 8 and Fig. 4).

Regarding **claim 7**, Okanous discloses that each of the categories comprise a common operating characteristic (Fig. 1, abstract, and column 2, lines 5 – 63).

Regarding **claim 9**, Okanous discloses all the limitation, as discussed in claims 1 and 2.

Regarding **claim 10**, Okanous discloses that the primary and secondary stations operate on a single frequency channel (column 3, lines 53 – column 4, lines 12 and Fig. 3).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. **Claim 15** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Okanous in view of Rotzoll (US Patent number 5,790,946).

Regarding **claim 15**, Okanous discloses all the limitation, as discussed in claim 1. Furthermore, Okanous further discloses for storing a wakeup sequence (the assigning identification) for the transceiver, means responsive to receiving a beacon signal for checking if the beacon signal contains an indication of its category (Fig. 1, 4, column 2, lines 5 – 63, and column 4, lines 33 – 65). However, Okanous does not specifically disclose the limitation “responsive to a reply from the primary station for causing the secondary station either to remain energized to receive data or to adopt a sleep mode”. However, Rotzoll discloses the limitation “responsive to a reply from the primary station for causing the secondary station either to remain energized to receive data or to adopt a sleep mode” (abstract, Fig. 1, and column 1, lines 46 – column 2, lines 10, where teaches the system includes a switch for switching the first communication device to and from sleep mode in response to receiving the wake up signal for reducing battery power consumption). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the Okanous system as taught by Rotzoll, provide

the motivation to achieve reducing battery power consumption in mobile communication system.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Kizu et al. (US Patent number 6,732,144) discloses Communication Method for Data Synchronization Processing and Electronic Device Therefor.

Takabatake (US Patent number 6,728,244) discloses Communication Node for Enabling Interworking of Network Using Request/Response Based Data Transfer and Network Using Non-Request/Response Based Data Transfer.

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pm. If attempts to reach the examiner are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Nay Aung Maung**, can be reached on (703) 308-7745. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4700.

J.L.
June 17, 2004

John J Lee

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Corsaro", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

NICK CORSARO
PATENT EXAMINER